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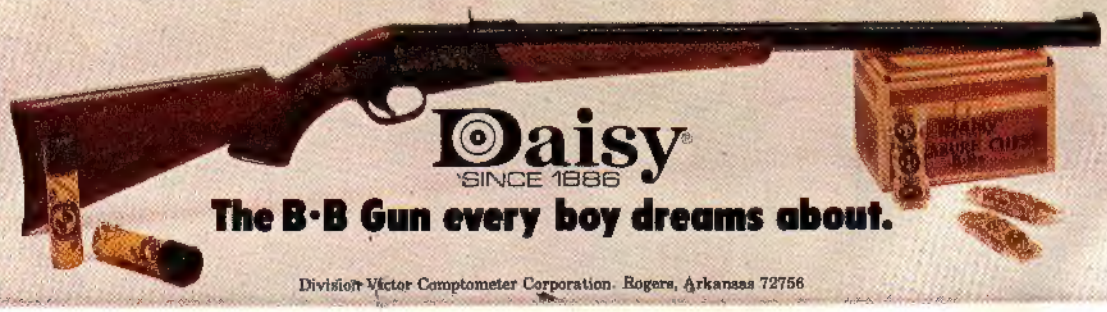

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"WORMS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!"

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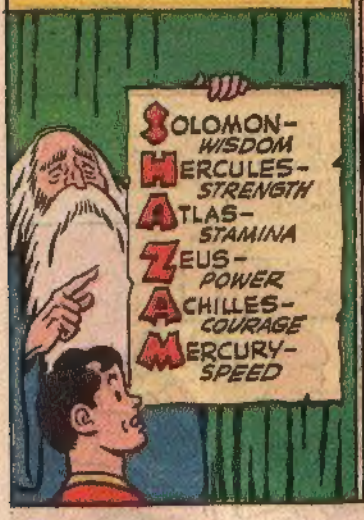

MR. MIND, YOU MAY AS WELL SURRENDER! I'M HOLDING YOU AS MY PRISONER!
OH, YEAH? YOU AND WHAT ARMY?
HERE HE IS AGAIN--THE NEFARIOUS MR. MIND, INHUMAN VILLAIN FROM ANOTHER PLANET, WHOSE HATRED FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AS VAST AS HIS BODY IS TINY!
READ ON

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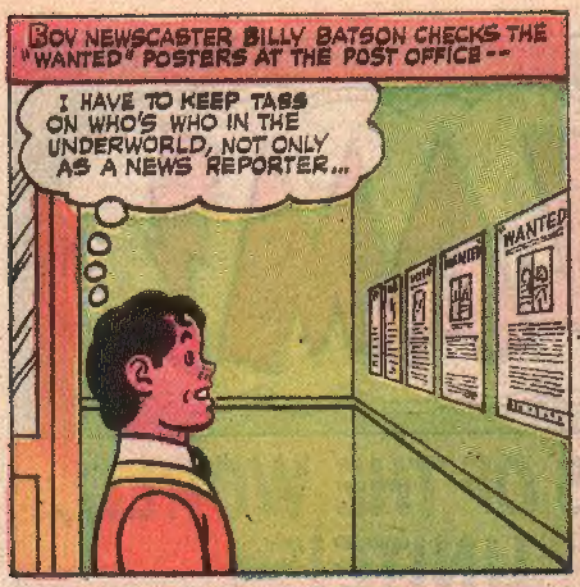
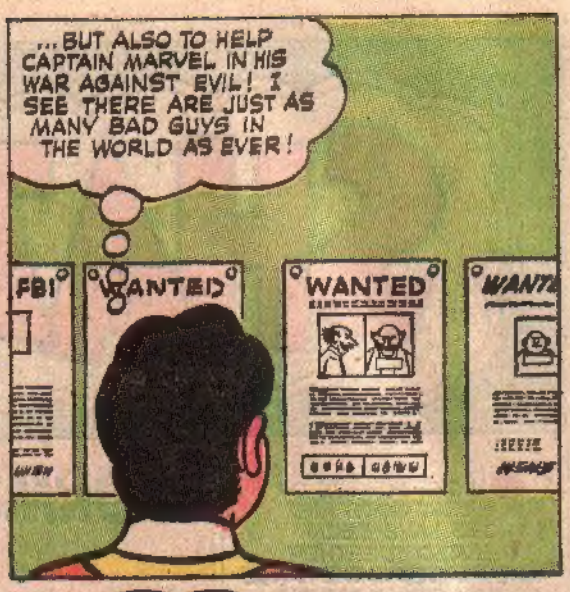

BOY NEWSCASTER BILLY BATSON CHECKS THE "WANTED" POSTERS AT THE POST OFFICE --
I HAVE TO KEEP TABS ON WHO'S WHO IN THE UNDERWORLD, NOT ONLY AS A NEWS REPORTER...
WANTED


...BUT ALSO TO HELP CAPTAIN MARVEL IN HIS WAR AGAINST EVIL! I SEE THERE ARE JUST AS MANY BAD GUYS IN THE WORLD AS EVER!
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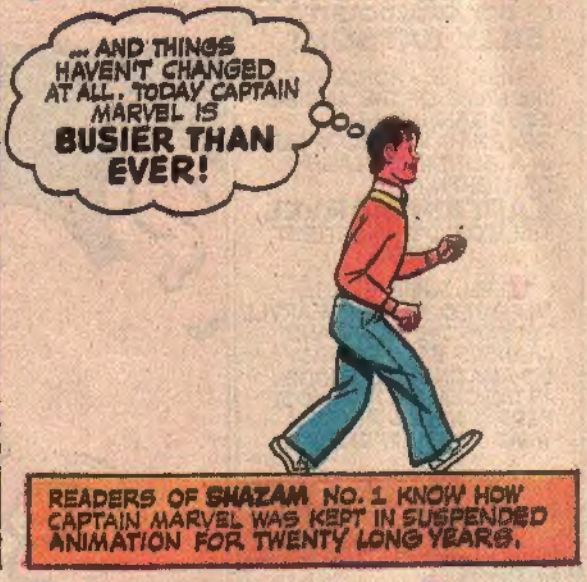
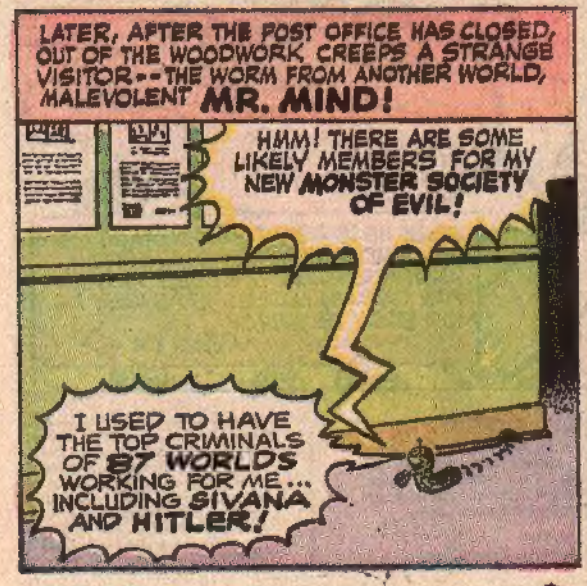
TWENTY YEARS AGO, CAPTAIN MARVEL FOUGHT BANK ROBBERS, KIDNAPERS... ALL KINDS OF CRIMINALS...


...AND THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL. TODAY CAPTAIN MARVEL IS BUSIER THAN EVER!
READERS OF SHAZAM NO. 1 KNOW HOW CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS KEPT IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR TWENTY LONG YEARS.


LATER, AFTER THE POST OFFICE HAS CLOSED, OUT OF THE WOODWORK CREEPS A STRANGE VISITOR -- THE WORM FROM ANOTHER WORLD, MALEVOLENT MR. MIND!
HMM! THERE ARE SOME LIKELY MEMBERS FOR MY NEW MONSTER SOCIETY OF EVIL!
I USED TO HAVE THE TOP CRIMINALS OF 87 WORLDS WORKING FOR ME... INCLUDING SIVANA AND HITLER!

CAPTAIN MARVEL BROKE UP MY OLD ORGANIZATION AND HAD ME ELECTRO-CUTED! BUT I'M BACK, AND I'M MORE EVIL THAN BEFORE!
HAW HAW HEEEE!
2

SOON...
WE NEED AN EVIL SCIENTIST IN OUR ORGANIZATION AND WITH DR. SIVANA LOCKED UP, I'M OFFERING YOU HIS JOB!
I'LL TAKE IT!
I'VE BEEN THROWN OUT OF EVERY OTHER SOCIETY IN THE WORLD! NOW I'M WORKING ON THIS HATE-PROJECTOR TO GET EVEN!
CRASH!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
CAPTAIN MARVEL?! I MUST HIDE!
YOU WOULD NEVER TAKE ME AND LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT IF I HAD MY HATE-PROJECTOR HELMET ON!
OH, HOW I HATE CAPTAIN MARVEL!
SUDDENLY...
OH!
GHAAA!
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HE PASSED OUT!
THIS CHARACTER MAY BE A SCIENTIST...BUT HE'S ALSO A CROOK! HE'S WANTED IN SEVEN COUNTRIES!
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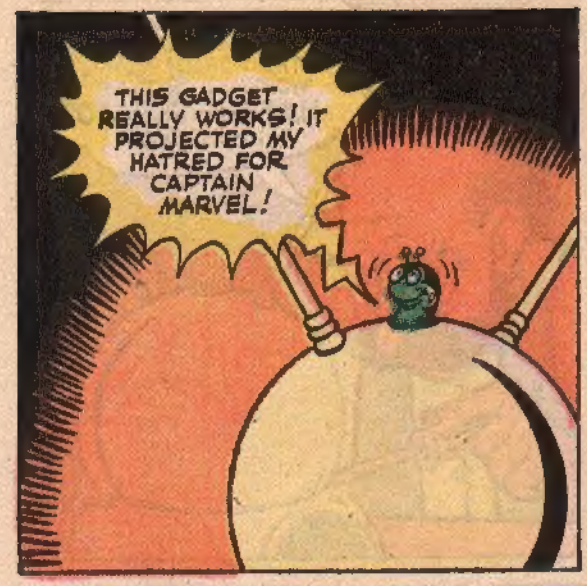
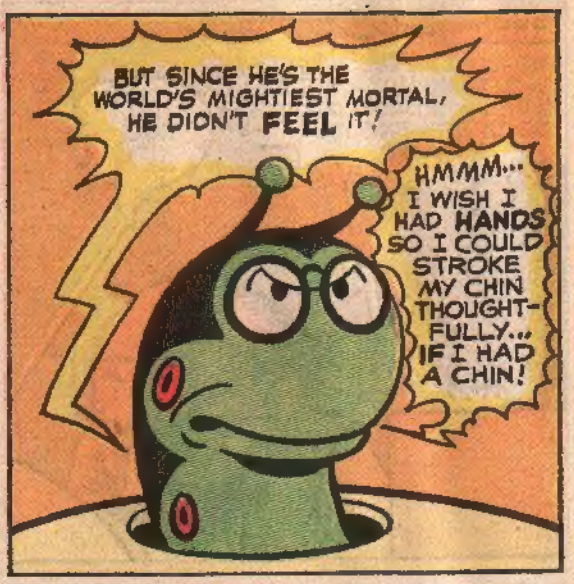
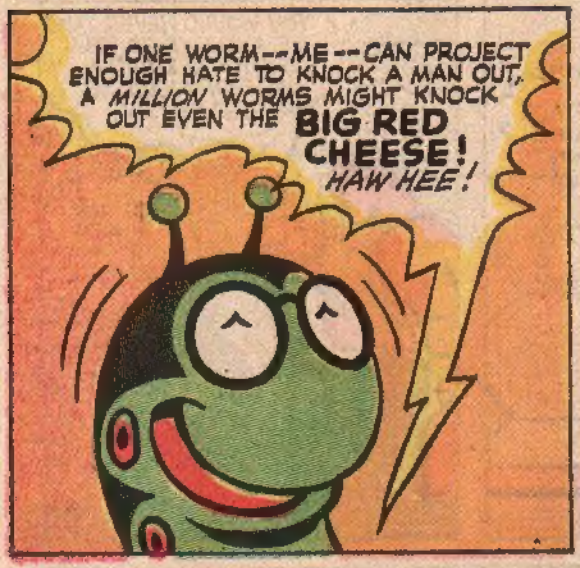
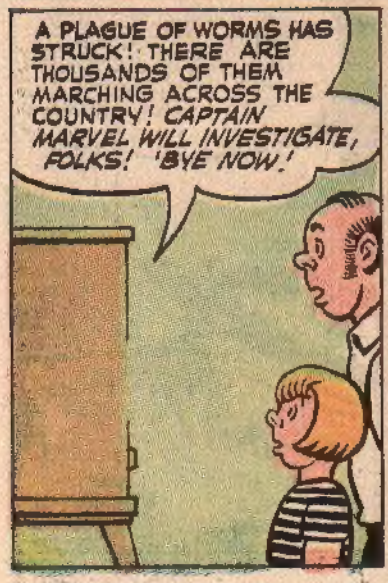

THIS GADGET REALLY WORKS! IT PROJECTED MY HATRED FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL!


BUT SINCE HE'S THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, HE DION'T FEEL IT!
HMMM... I WISH I HAD HANDS SO I COULD STROKE MY CHIN THOUGHT-FULLY... IF I HAD A CHIN!


IF ONE WORM--ME--CAN PROJECT ENOUGH HATE TO KNOCK A MAN OUT, A MILLION WORMS MIGHT KNOCK OUT EVEN THE BIG RED CHEESE! HAW HEE!

A FEW DAYS LATER, BILLY IS FINISHING HIS NEWSCAST WHEN...
I'VE JUST RECEIVED A SPECIAL BULLETIN... HOLY MOLEY!
WHIZ


A PLAGUE OF WORMS HAS STRUCK! THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THEM MARCHING ACROSS THE COUNTRY! CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL INVESTIGATE, FOLKS! 'BYE NOW!

OFF THE AIR, BILLY GOES TO A WINDOW AND SAYS...
SHAZAM!

AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, MYSTIC LIGHTNING STRIKES AND...
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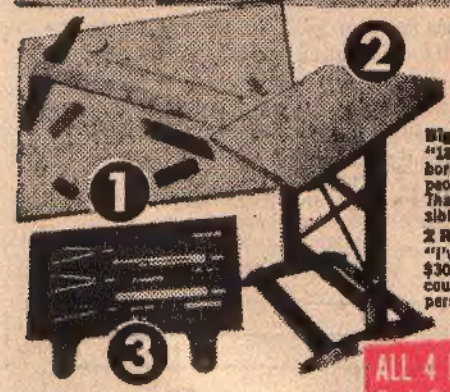

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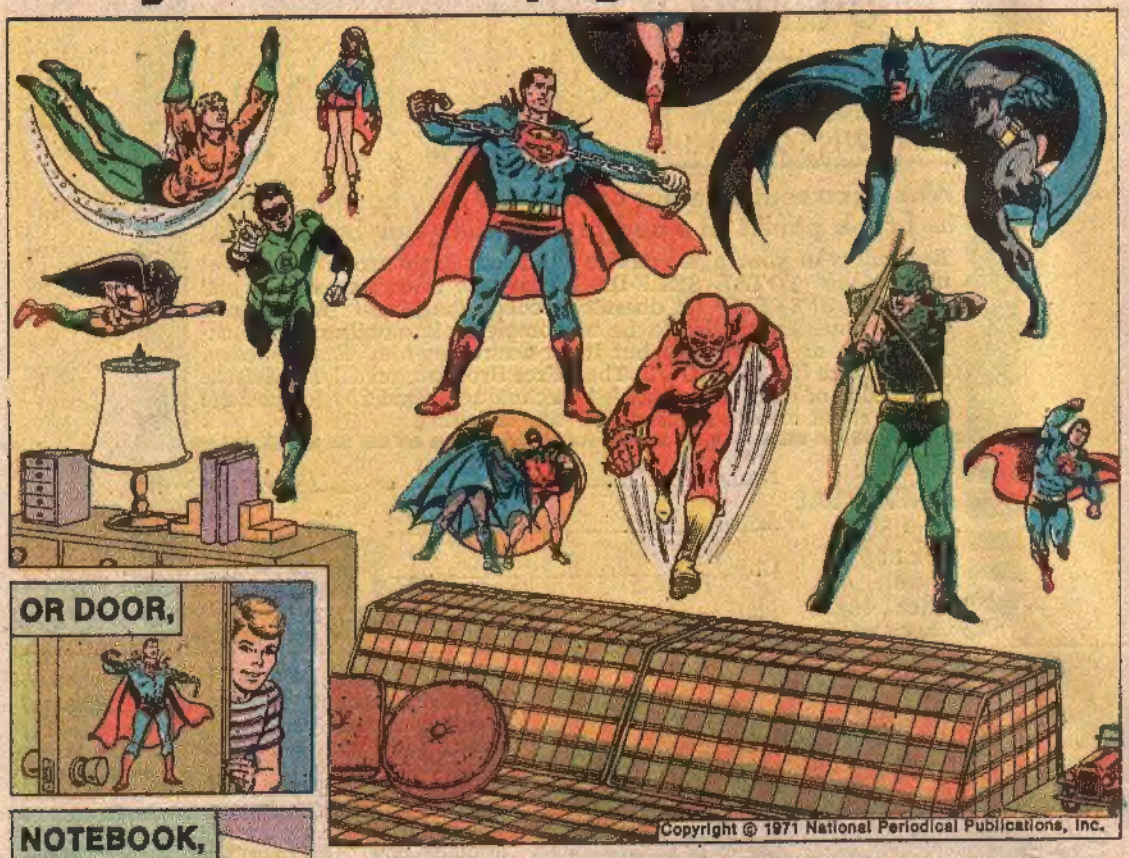

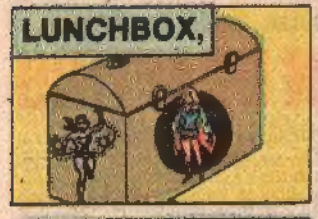

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THE WORMS ARE HEADING ACROSS COUNTRY...
...TOWARD THAT HILL, INTO WHICH THEY'RE ALL BURROWING! IT MUST BE FULL OF WORMS!
HEE HEE HAW! HERE COMES THAT BIG RED DUMMY, JUST AS I EXPECTED HE WOULD! AS SOON AS HE'S WITHIN RANGE I'LL LET HIM HAVE IT!
AN INVISIBLE BLAST OF INHUMAN HATE TUMBLES THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL FROM THE SKIES!
HEE HAW!
CHAA
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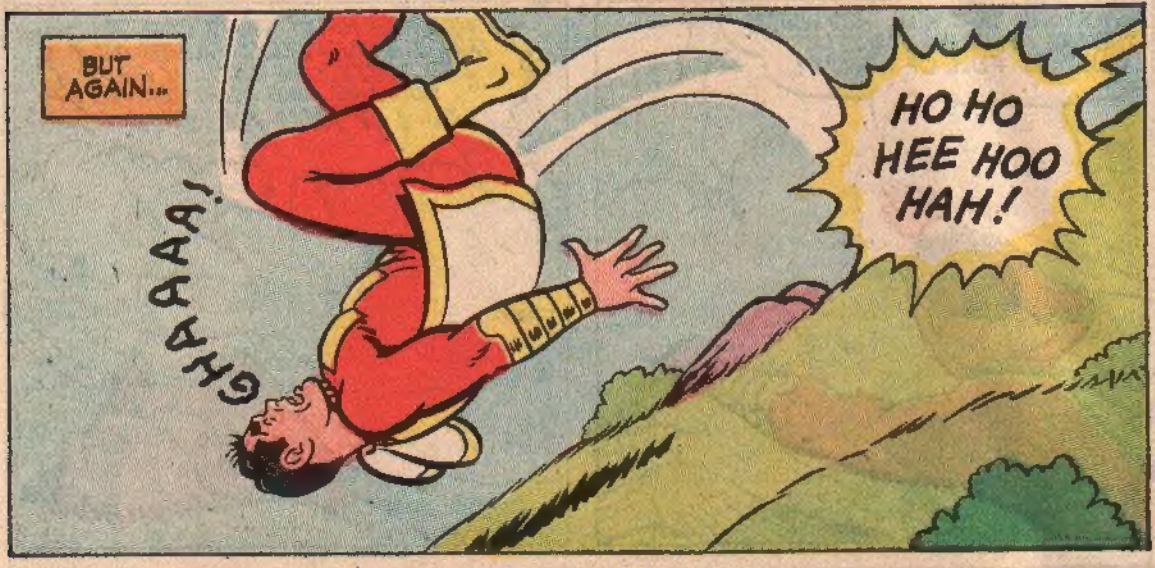
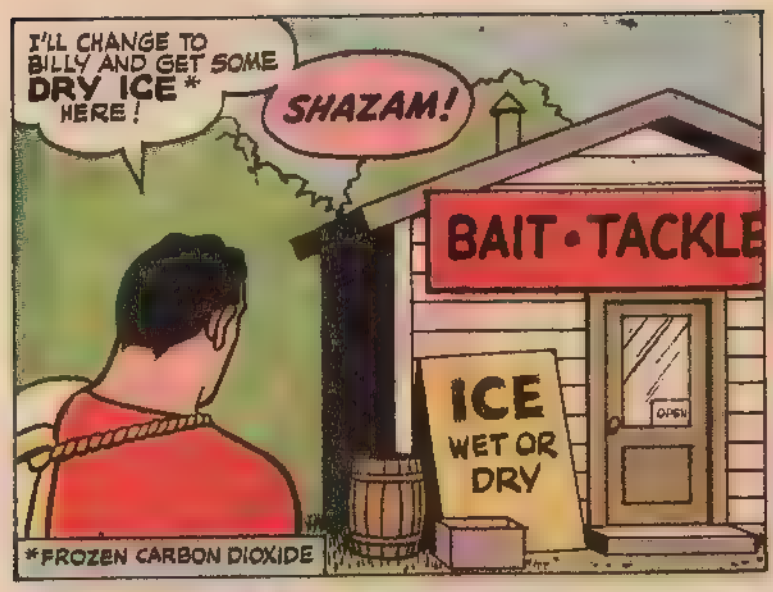
HEEHAW HO!
IT'S MR. MIND! I'D KNOW THAT AMPLIFIED CACKLE OF HIS ANYWHERE!
HOW DID YOU LIKE THAT, YOU BIG RED BABOON? THAT WAS JUST A TRIAL BLAST!
HEE HO HAWW!

I SEE YOU UP THERE, PEEPING OUT OF THAT HATE AMPLIFIER, MR. MIND! NOW I'LL...


BUT AGAIN...
GHAAAA!
HO HO HEE HOO HAH!

I'VE GOT A MILLION OF MY LITTLE WORM ALLIES UNDER THE GROUND AROUND ME, ALL THEIR TINY MINDS CONCENTRATED IN MINE!
IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER, I'LL KILL YOU WITH WORM POWER!

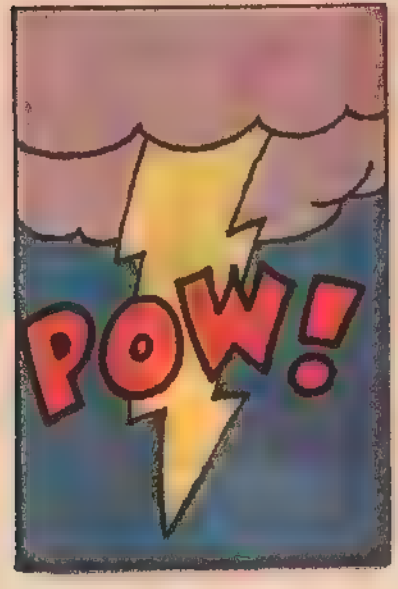
HOLY MOLEY! HE COULD! I'M MIGHTY, BUT I'M ONLY MORTAL! BUT IF I COULD BREAK UP HIS ARMY OF WORMS... AH! I'VE AN IDEA!


I'LL CHANGE TO BILLY AND GET SOME DRY ICE* HERE!
SHAZAM!
BAIT • TACKLE
ICE
WET OR DRY
OPEN
*FROZEN CARBON DIOXIDE

AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, MYSTIC LIGHTNING STRIKES ONCE MORE!
BAM!

NEED BAIT, TOO, YOUNG FELLER? SOME NICE WORMS?
NO, THANK YOU!

CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL SOON HAVE PLENTY OF WORMS!
SHAZAM!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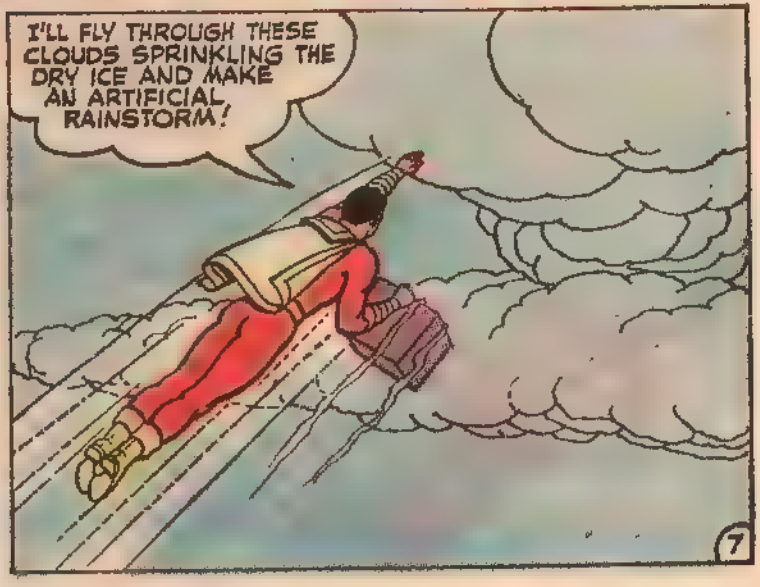
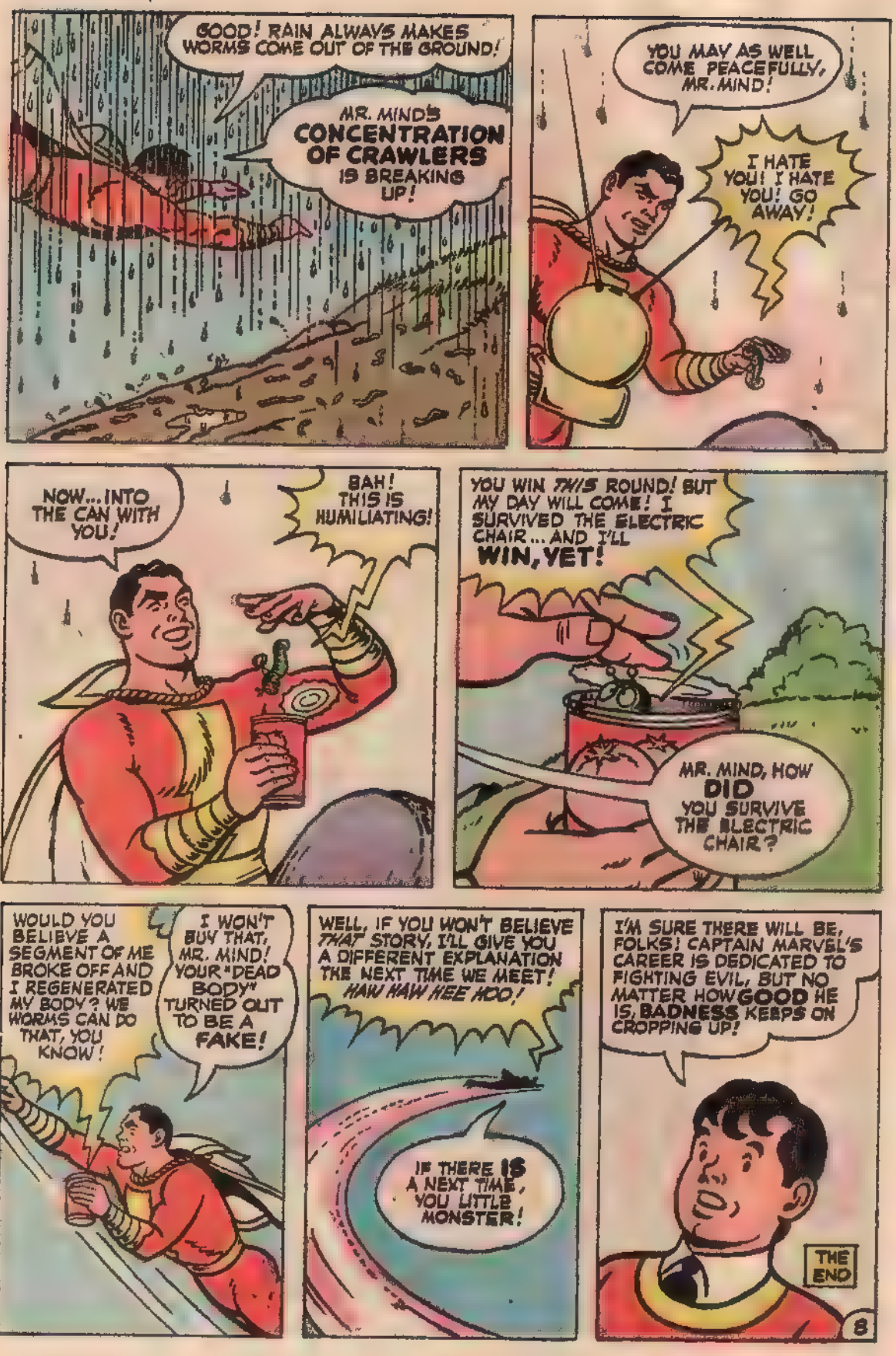
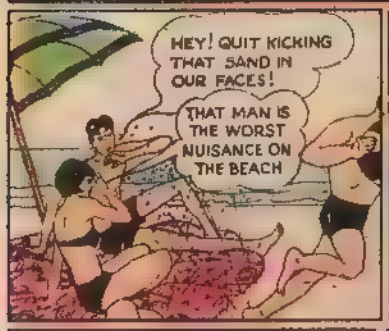
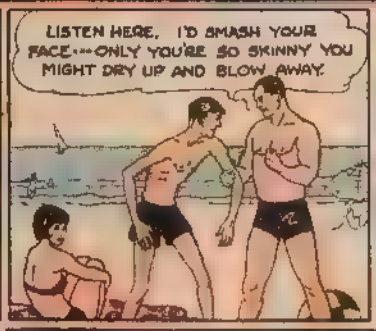
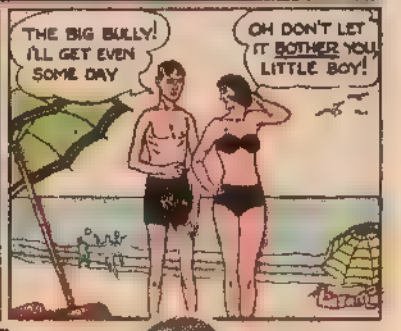

I'LL FLY THROUGH THESE CLOUDS SPRINKLING THE DRY ICE AND MAKE AN ARTIFICIAL RAINSTORM!

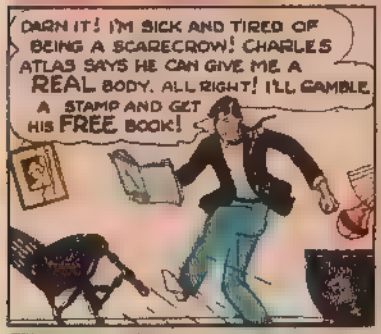

GOOD! RAIN ALWAYS MAKES WORMS COME OUT OF THE GROUND!
MR. MIND'S CONCENTRATION OF CRAWLERS IS BREAKING UP!
YOU MAY AS WELL COME PEACEFULLY, MR. MIND!
I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU! GO AWAY!
NOW... INTO THE CAN WITH YOU!
BAH! THIS IS HUMILIATING!
YOU WIN THIS ROUND! BUT MY DAY WILL COME! I SURVIVED THE ELECTRIC CHAIR... AND I'LL WIN, YET!
MR. MIND, HOW DID YOU SURVIVE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR?
WOULD YOU BELIEVE A SEGMENT OF ME BROKE OFF AND I REGENERATED MY BODY? WE WORMS CAN DO THAT, YOU KNOW!
I WON'T BUY THAT, MR. MIND! YOUR "DEAD BODY" TURNED OUT TO BE A FAKE!
WELL, IF YOU WON'T BELIEVE THAT STORY, I'LL GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT EXPLANATION THE NEXT TIME WE MEET! HAW HAW HEE HOO!
IF THERE IS A NEXT TIME, YOU LITTLE MONSTER!
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE, FOLKS! CAPTAIN MARVEL'S CAREER IS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING EVIL, BUT NO MATTER HOW GOOD HE IS, BADNESS KEEPS ON CROPPING UP!
THE END

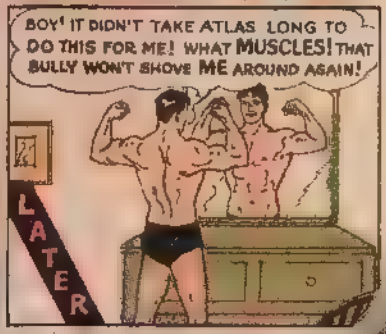
THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF MAC

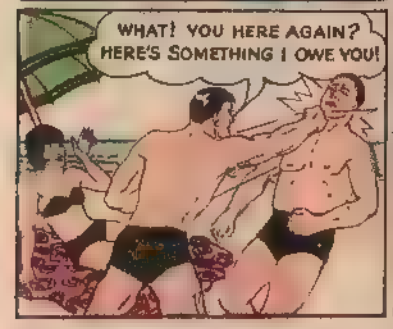


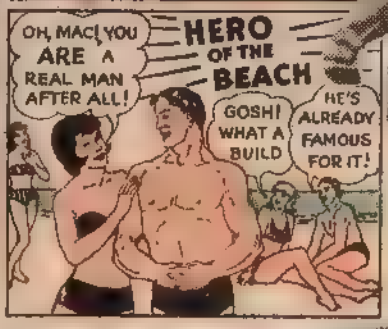


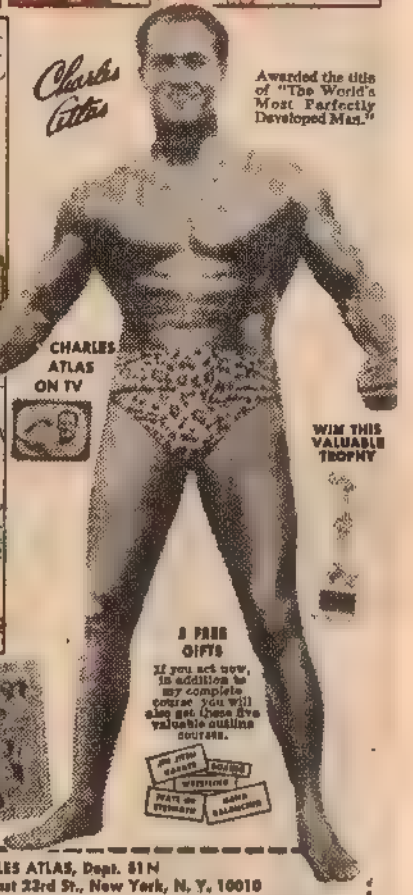



DARN IT! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A SCARECROW! CHARLES ATLAS SAYS HE CAN GIVE ME A REAL BODY. ALL RIGHT! I'LL GAMBLE A STAMP AND GET HIS FREE BOOK!





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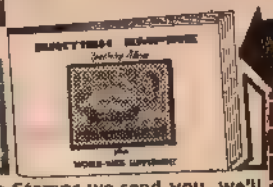

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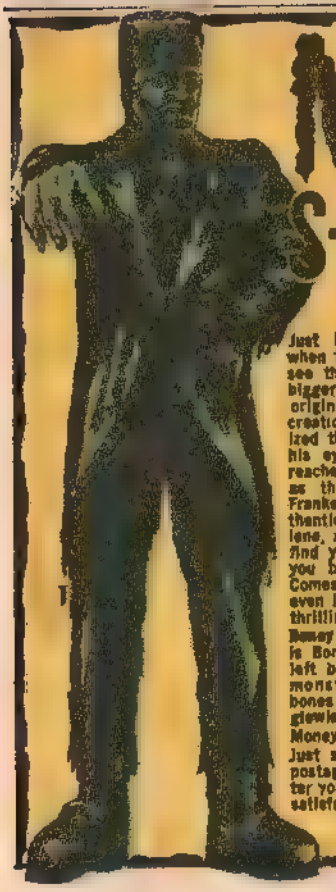

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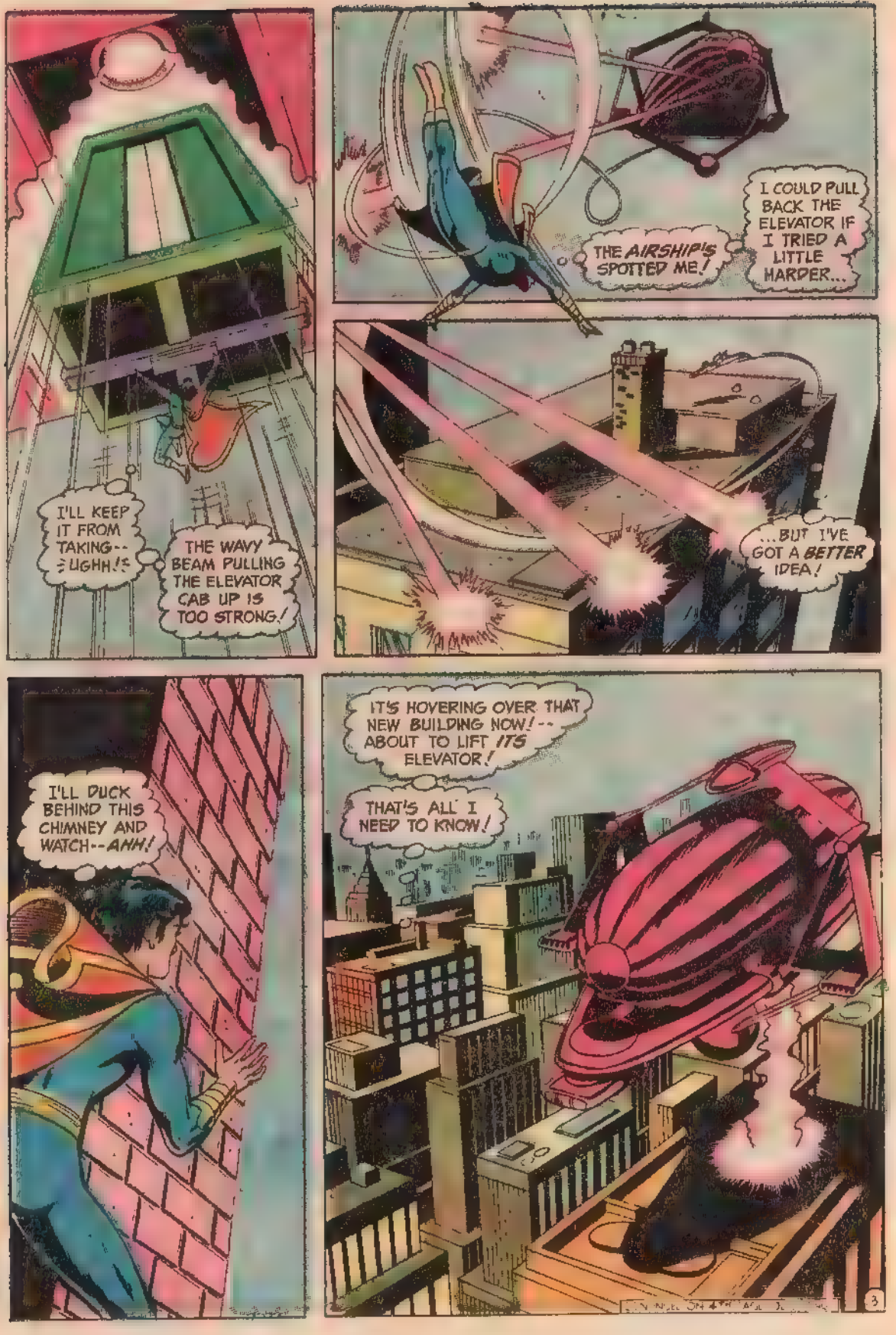
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THE WAVY BEAM PULLING THE ELEVATOR CAB UP IS TOO STRONG!
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...BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
I'LL DUCK BEHIND THIS CHIMNEY AND WATCH--AHH!
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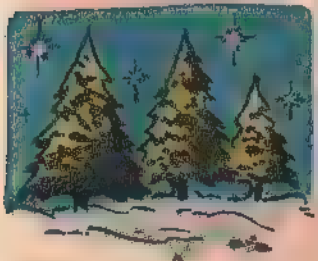

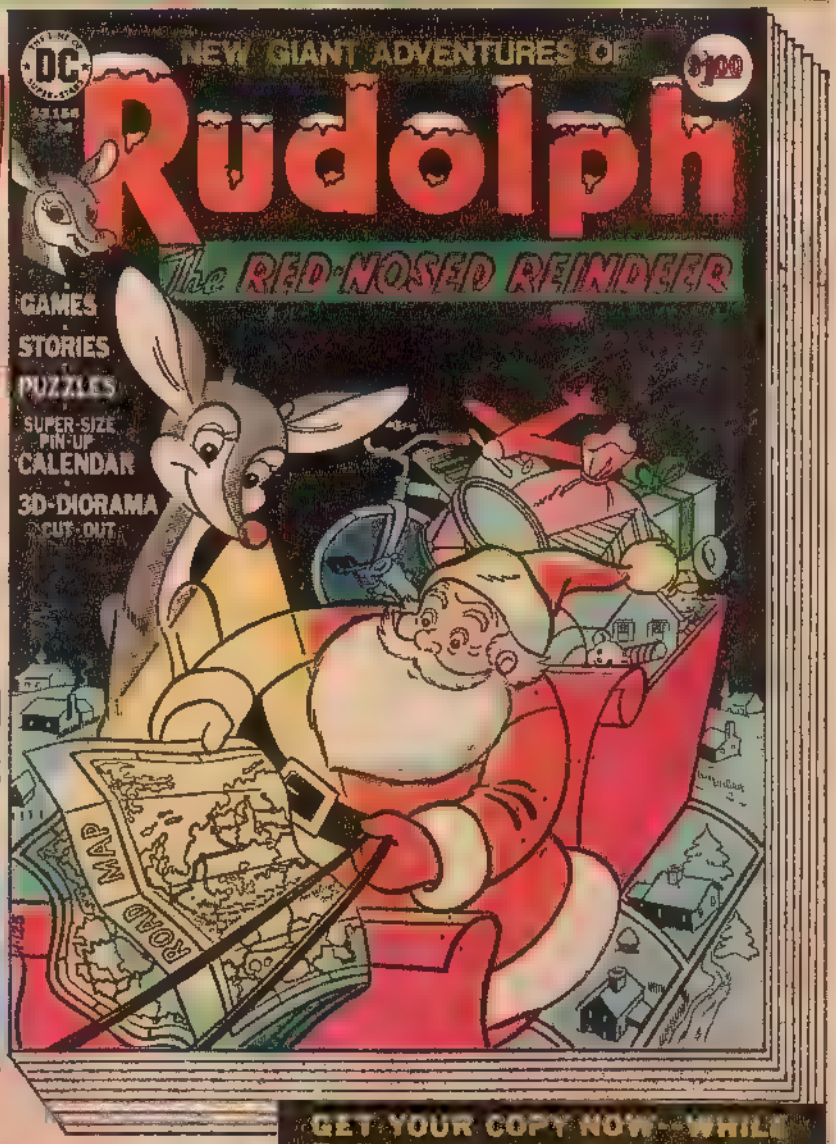

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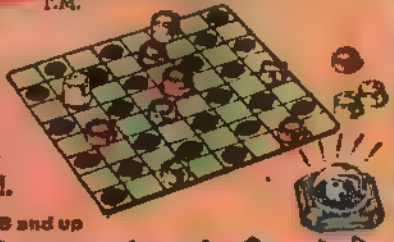

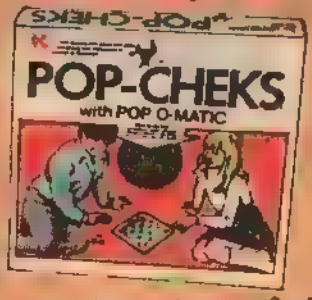

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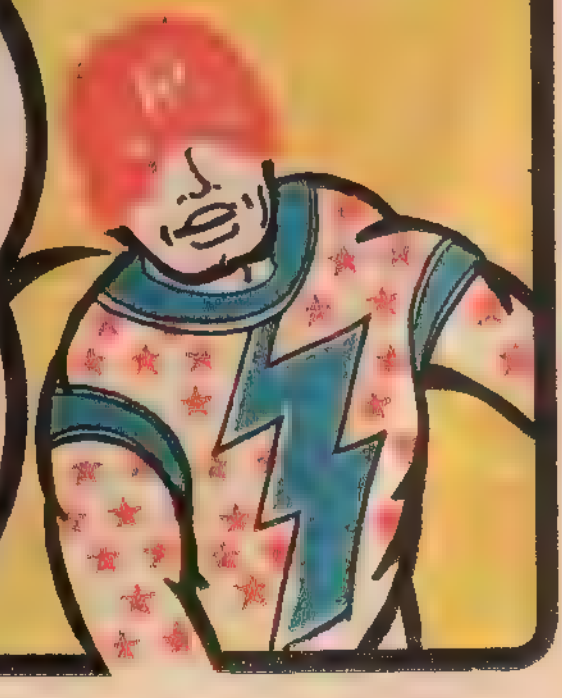

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SMAAASH!
--HERE...
HOLY MOLEY! A TAPPING COMING FROM INSIDE THAT ELEVATOR!
COULD IT BE ANOTHER ONE OF THE CROOKS?
TAP TAP TAP
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AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY RIPS OPEN THE CONTRABAND ELEVATOR CAB...
WHY, IT'S GOOD-NATURED JOE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE--?
OH! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! I WAS TRAPPED IN MY APARTMENT ELEVATOR AFTER MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, WHEN IT WAS LIFTED!
RUUUP!
B-BUT... WHERE WERE YOU GOING SO LATE AT NIGHT?! WHAT WERE YOU--
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AFTER CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. TURNS IN THE CROOKS AND CHANGES TO FREDDY FREEMAN...
HOLY MOLEY! THAT WASN'T LIKE GOOD-NATURED JOE... NOT EVEN TO THANK CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
I WONDER WHY HE RAN OFF LIKE--
M-MR. JOE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY NEWSSTAND CORNER?
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GOSH, MR. JOE! THANKS A WHOLE LOT!
...so I found that the reason Good-Natured Joe seemed to brush off Captain Marvel Jr. was because he was worried he'd be too late to pick up the plastic newsstand he'd bought me. Some people are just born to do nice things for other people.
Freddy Freeman
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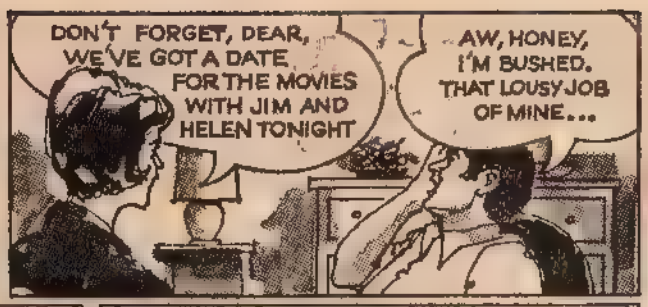

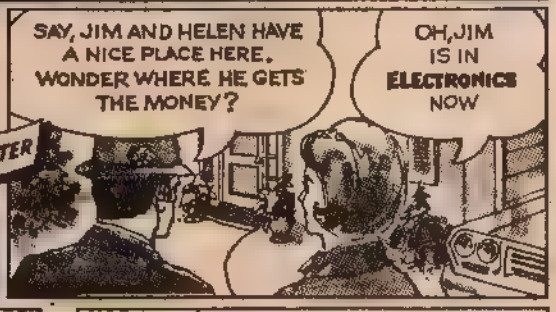

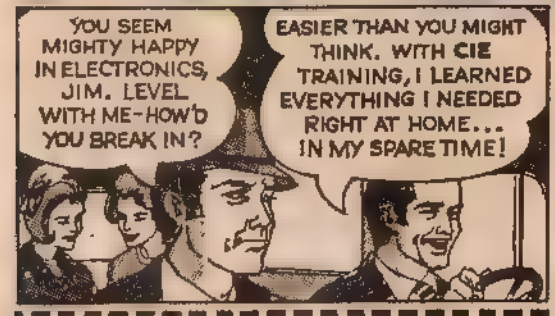
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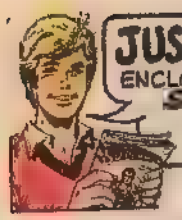

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TM
AH-OOOOOO!
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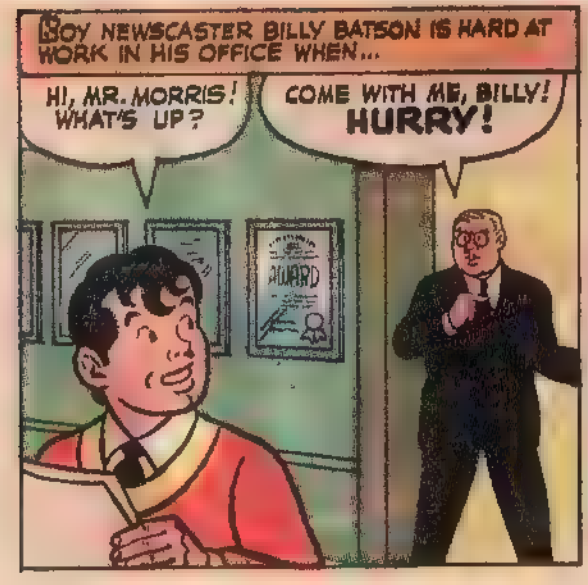
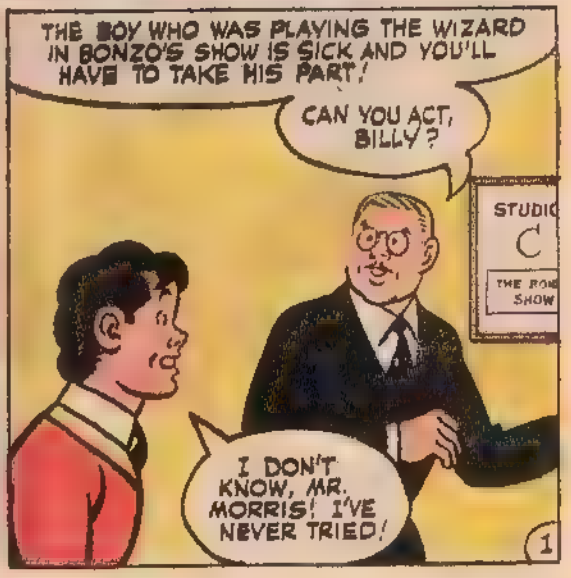

BOY NEWSCASTER BILLY BATSON IS HARD AT WORK IN HIS OFFICE WHEN...
HI, MR. MORRIS! WHAT'S UP?
COME WITH ME, BILLY! HURRY!
AWARD


THE BOY WHO WAS PLAYING THE WIZARD IN BONZO'S SHOW IS SICK AND YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIS PART!
CAN YOU ACT, BILLY?
STUDIO C
I DON'T KNOW, MR. MORRIS! I'VE NEVER TRIED!
1

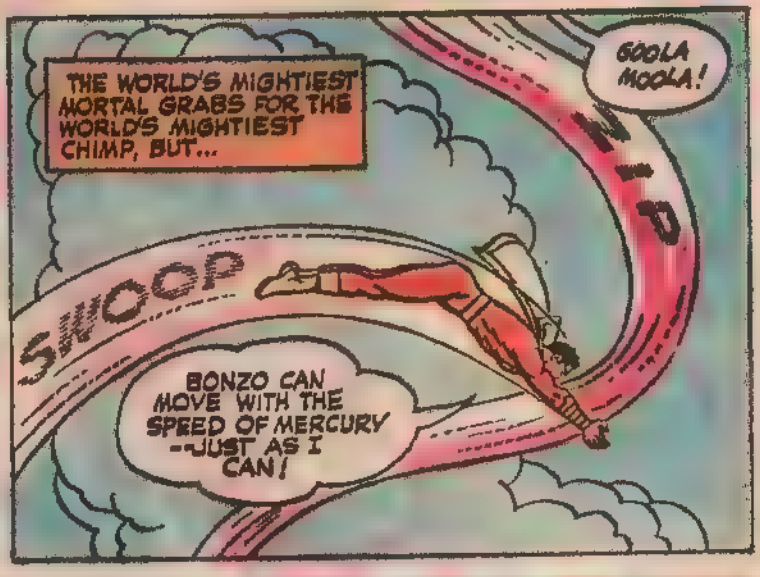
SO, ONLY A HALF-HOUR BEFORE THE BONZO SHOW IS DUE ON THE AIR, BILLY FINDS HIMSELF--ACTING?
I, CALIBAN THE WIZARD, WILL NOW PUT A SPELL ON YOU! HIGGEDY JIGGEDY HEX!
NO, NO! THAT'S AWFUL!
TRIXIE
BONZO
YOU'VE GOT TO GET SOME SPIRIT INTO THE PART, BILLY!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW...
HIGGEDY JIGGEDY HEX!
EEK! EEK! EEK!
BONZO, YOU HAM, YOU'RE OVER-ACTING! COME ON DOWN!
OOGA DOOGA NOOGA!
COME BACK! YOU'RE WRECKING THE STUDIO!
SHAZAM!
THE OLD WIZARD'S NAME BRINGS A BOLT OF MAGIC LIGHTNING AND A THUNDERCLAP, BUT..,
BOOM
HOLY MOLEY! I DIDN'T CHANGE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL! WHAT'S WRONG?
2

WHAT'S THIS? BILLY DIDN'T CHANGE, BUT BONZO DID??
HEENIE-VEENIE!
LOOK OUT!
WHIZ
CRASH!
IT'S... THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CHIMP! ONLY CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN CATCH HIM NOW!
SHAZAM!
BAM
OH, MY! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
HOLY MOLEY! I'LL TRY ONCE MORE...
SHAZAM!
POW
OOOH! NOW I HAVE A MARVELOUS COSTUME, TOO!
GRFLZNX!
HEY! COME BACK WITH MY TURBAN!
3

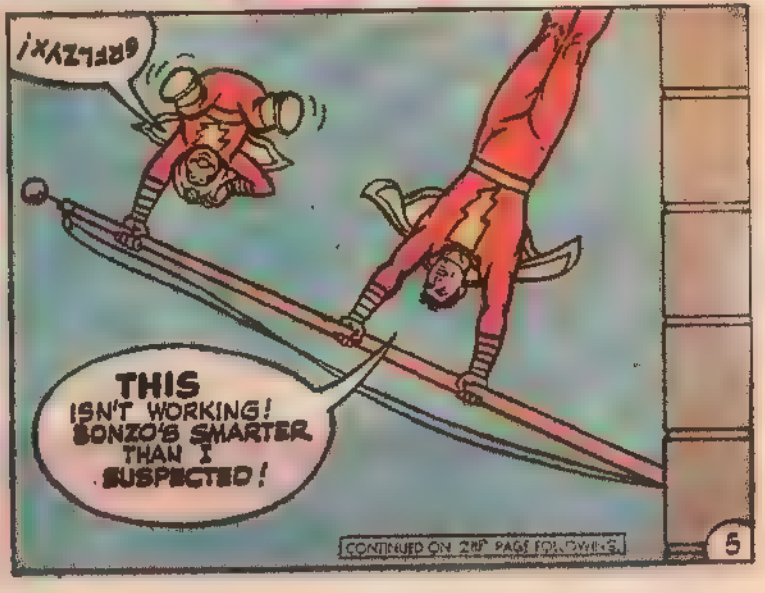
OOGIE BOOGIE WOOGIE!
CRASH
COME ON, TRIXIE MARVEL! LET'S CATCH BONZO!
OKAY, CAPTAIN MORRIS!
I FORGOT! I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!
HELP!
?
OOO
HE FAINTED, BILLY! DO SOMETHING!
I'LL GET SOME WATER!
OHH! WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M NOT SURE-- I SAID SHAZAM...
BOOM
AT LAST! IT'S ME--THE REAL CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THAT JEWEL BILLY WAS WEARING IN HIS TURBAN MUST HAVE REFLECTED THE MAGIC BOLT AWAY WHEN HE SAID SHAZAM!
4

OOPS! CAPTAIN MARVEL SAID THE MAGIC WORD IN MID-AIR!
BOOM
YEOW! SHAZAM!
BOOM

ALMOST GOOFED MYSELF UP THAT TIME! BUT THERE'S BONZO UP AHEAD!


THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL GRABS FOR THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CHIMP, BUT...
GOOLA MOOLA!
ZIP
SWOOP
BONZO CAN MOVE WITH THE SPEED OF MERCURY --JUST AS I CAN!

I'VE GOT TO GET THAT TURBAN BACK! CHIMPS LOVE TO IMITATE OTHERS, SO...
...I'LL TRICK HIM INTO LOSING IT WITH SOME ACROBATIC TRICKS!


GREEZYX!
THIS ISN'T WORKING! BONZO'S SMARTER THAN I SUSPECTED!
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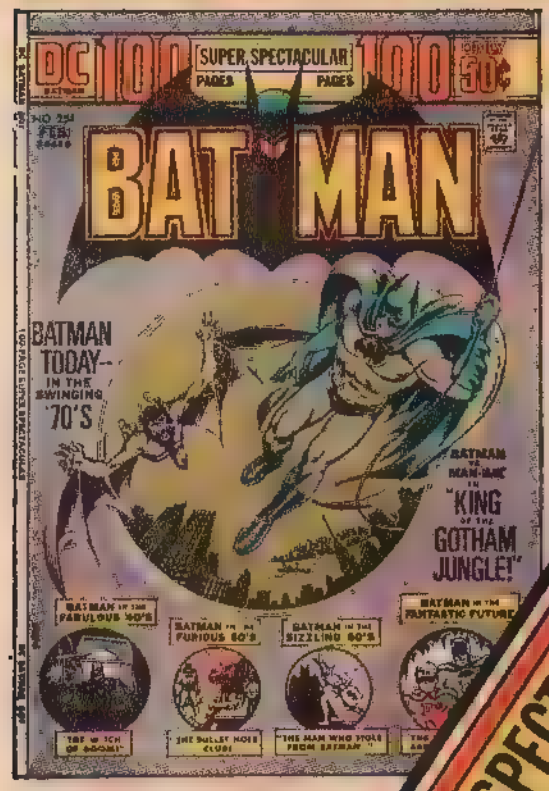
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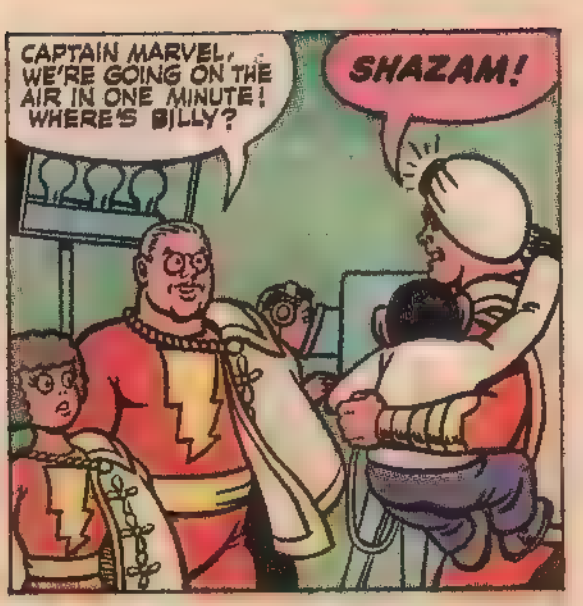
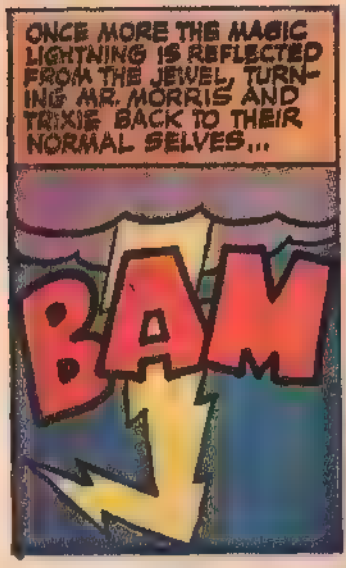
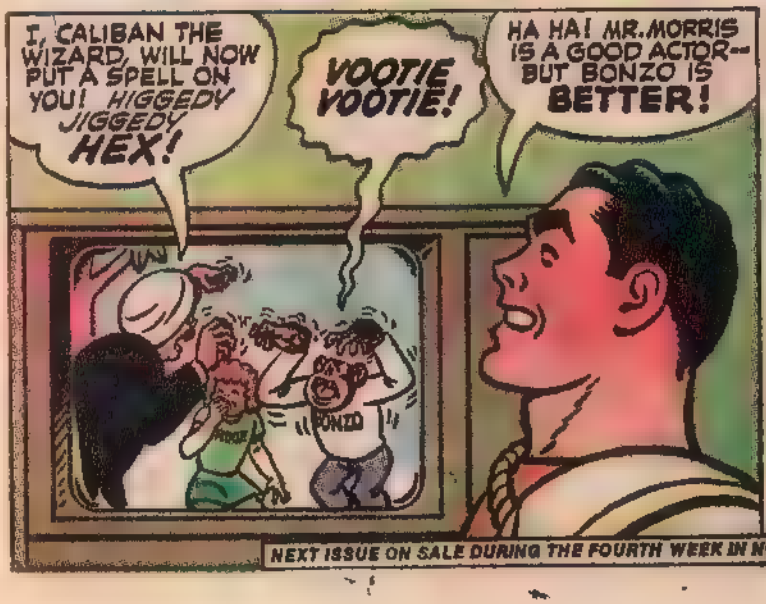
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS DOUBLE-TREAT!

THAT CHIMP IS MAKING A MONKEY OUT OF ME! MAYBE THIS WILL WORK BETTER...
ER... A TABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR SON, SIR?
MENU
NO, WE JUST WANT TO CHECK OUR HATS!
AS SIVANA WOULD SAY... HEH HEH HEH!
THANK YOU... UHH... SIR!
EEKA-OOKA!
NOW... SHAZAM!
BAM





MR. MORRIS, YOU'D BETTER PLAY THE WIZARD'S PART YOURSELF! BILLY WILL BE--- DELAYED!
OH, ALL RIGHT! BILLY'S A TERRIBLE ACTOR ANYWAY!
PLACES, EVERYONE! TEN SECONDS!
BONZO


I, CALIBAN THE WIZARD, WILL NOW PUT A SPELL ON YOU! HIGGEDY JIGGEDY HEX!
VOOTIE VOOTIE!
HA HA! MR. MORRIS IS A GOOD ACTOR-- BUT BONZO IS BETTER!
BONZO

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SHAZAMAIL!

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Dear Sirs:

Shazam #5 was terrific (as usual)! The *Captain Marvel Jr.* story was good, too. I didn't know he had solo adventures. By the way, who did the art?

In "The World's Toughest Guy," are the man and woman who invited *Sunny* in for a snack *Archie* and *Edith Bunker* of *All in the Family*?

Frankie Di Mauro, Warren, Mi.

(It wasn't written that way, but since the woman in the script happened to be called Edith, *C. C. Beck decided to draw the* Bunkers. *He usually bases his characters on real people. As for the Junior story, we're not sure who drew it. Someone suggested Sheldon Moldoff—and it's possible. All we know for certain is that it was not done by Mac Raboy, the first* Captain Marvel Jr. *artist.*—E.N.B.*)*

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Dear Editor and Mr. Bridwell:

You'll have to count me out of the *Superman-Shazam* circulation battle. I've been a *Superman* fan for over ten years—but please don't make me give up *Captain Marvel*! I like him too much.

Shazam is a welcome relief from magazines with 20 pages of empty action and very little plot! *Shazam* isn't great stuff, but it doesn't pretend to be! Its simple goal is to entertain the reader, and so far you've done a fine job of that. I really can't see why you don't make *Shazam* monthly.

"The Man Who Wasn't" maintained your usual high quality—its high point being where *Captain Marvel* was "not deceived for a moment" by the leprechaun's claim to be the Cardiff Giant on vacation. But I must take issue with your attempt to identify—albeit subtly—the *Captain's* home city. I may be wrong, but I believe *Captain Marvel* never lived in an actual city—but visited most of them in a series of stories!

"The World's Toughest Guy" wasn't as good. *Rowdy Sparkle* had neither the power nor the villainy to be a worthy foe for the good *Captain*, and he was defeated far too easily.

The *Captain Marvel Jr.* reprint was a pleasant morality piece. But except for a brief cameo in the first issue, the *Marvel Family* hasn't made any new appearances at all. Why not give us a book-length story in a future issue, featuring all of the *Marvels*? Your 7-to-10 page stories have been good, but I'd like some longer ones on occasion!

Richard Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(Okay, readers—what do you think of an occasional longer tale? We've already answered one of your requests, Rich—this mag is now monthly! Concerning Cap's *home base, Mr. Beck tells us it was never named, but was generally agreed to be New York. That's one city* Cap *never visited—for a good reason!*—E.N.B.*)*

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Dear Editor:

I have found the first five issues of *Shazam* (Yeow! Man, that lightning stings!!!) to be some of the most enjoyable comix I've ever read. I don't care what those idiots say about reality when concerned with *Captain Marvel*. Who's to say what is real or not in comix when you have trouble defining reality in the "real" world.

Shazam (Darn that lightning bolt) is the only comix magazine that can escape to any angle and get away with it. *Superman* talking to a tiger is preposterous, but not so when the *Captain* decides to converse.

Captain Marvel is beautiful, his adventures are astounding, and with a little more action in some of the stories, I can safely say, "Reality can go jump off the Brooklyn Bridge!!"

Joe Pelusa, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(What's that about lightning? From a guy who's not named Batson—*or* Freeman? *And* Billy, Mary *and* Freddy *never complained about the bolts stinging. We'd better do something about that* Zeus *and his practical jokes!*—E.N.B.*)*

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Hey, Ed:

Shazam!

One word, and the world's greatest super-hero (no way, *Supie*) of all time appears—*Captain Marvel!*

Now that he's back, how about my favorite member of the family returning? Please bring back *Captain Marvel Jr.*, and not just in reprints. If you're planning to outsell *Superman*, you've got to add more mags to *Cap's* line . . .

Please!!!

Dave Thede, Burbank, Calif.

(While we have no plans for giving Junior *his own mag at present, we have brought him back in his own new feature—to alternate with* Mary Marvel *and the* Marvel Family. *Also, thanks for picking your favorite in the battle for best-selling comic hero of the '70's. So far, the score seems pretty close—both in letters and in sales.*—E.N.B.*)*

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Which just about wraps it up for this issue. So, as old *Shazam* prepares to carve this issue's letters on the *Rock of Eternity*, that they may not be lost to posterity, we hereby solicit more of the *World's Mightiest Mail* from you *Shaz-fans!* The address is *Shazamail*, National Periodical Publications, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019.

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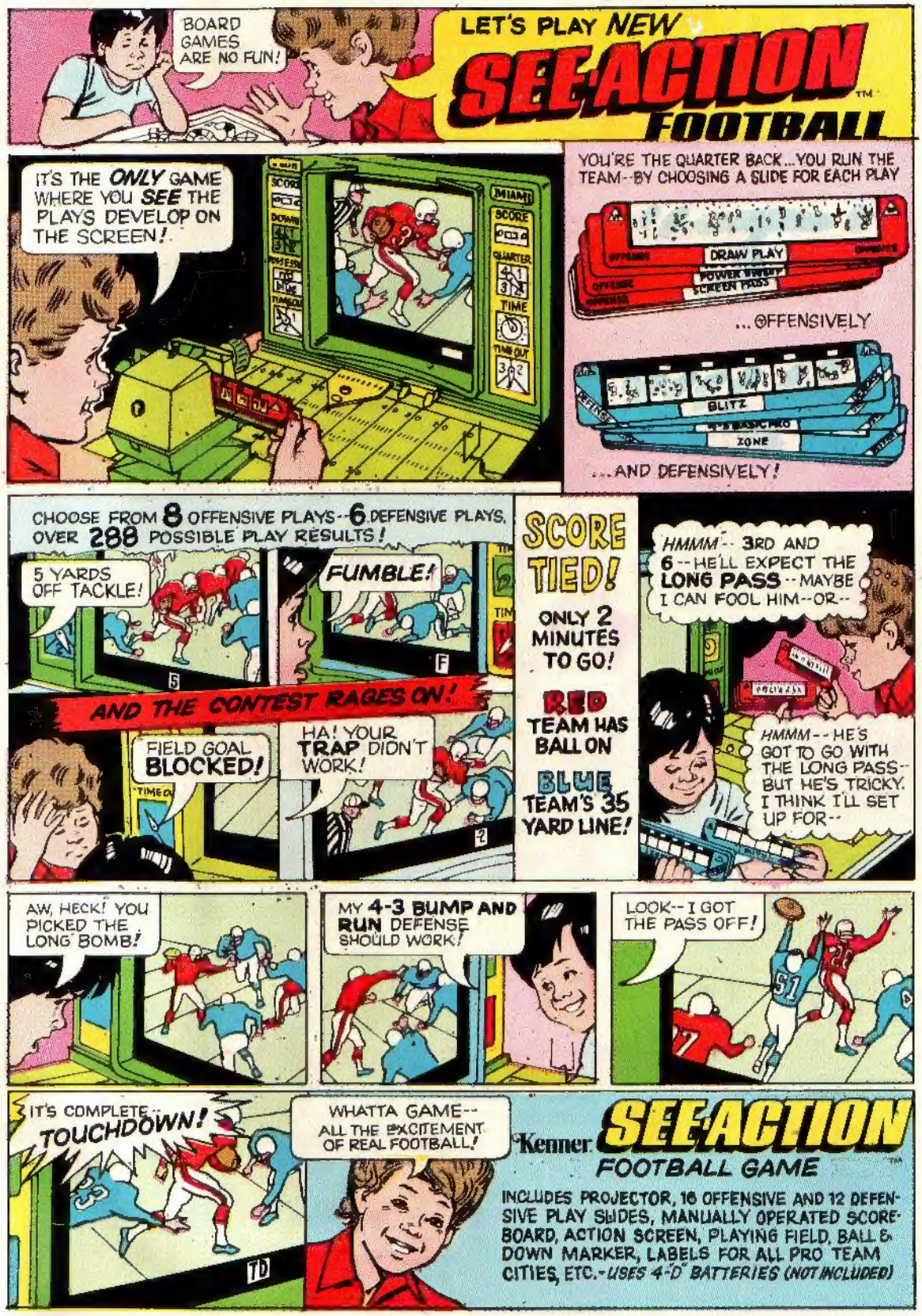
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